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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending and stand rejected and are therefore at issue.

Support for the Amendments

All claims are amended to recite a "language processing and memory device." Such is taught by at least Figure 1 (showing a processor and memory in the language processing and memory device) and accompanying text in the Specification. Claim 1 is further amended to recite that the language processing and memory device is "physically attachable to and detachable from an appliance." Such is taught at least by the Specification at page 4, lines 24-28: "The Japanese user can simply remove the Japanese language module from the previously purchased mobile telephone and install the Japanese language module in the new mobile telephone. Similarly, the French purchaser of the first mobile telephone can convert it to a French-specific mobile telephone by merely installing a French language module." In addition, the language processor and memory device is taught to be implemented in the illustrative embodiment in a SIM card which is generally known to be physically attachable to and detachable from a mobile telephone.

No new matter is added by this Amendment.

The Amended Claims Are Allowable Over the Cited Art**1. Section 102 rejections.**

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-7 and 10 as anticipated by Ito (U.S. Patent No. 6,243,675). Applicants have amended Claim 1 and respectfully traverse this rejection and

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request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Applicant's amended Claim 1 recites: "A language processing and memory module (i) which is physically attachable to and detachable from an appliance, (ii) which is configured to communicate directly with the appliance when so attached without the use of a network which extends outside the appliance, and (iii) which is configured to perform language-specific tasks by: receiving an instruction for language-specific processing from the appliance; and sending resulting data of the language-specific processing to the appliance."

Ito neither teaches nor suggests a language module that is physically detachable from any appliance. Ito's dictionary 30 contains three languages with intentionally very limited vocabularies used to select, in response to the user's spoken command, the appliance's language mode appropriate to the present user. To have other languages than these available in the appliance, it is necessary for Ito to store them in the appliance's speech dictionary memory 30, as is noted in col. 11, lines 2-5 of Ito. Speech dictionary 30 is neither taught nor suggested to be a physically detachable module.

Thus, Claim 1 is allowable over Ito. Claims 2-7 and 10 either directly or indirectly recite language similar to that quoted above and are therefore allowable over Ito for at least the reasons given above.

2. Section 102 rejections.

The Examiner rejected Claims 8-9 as being unpatentable over Ito in view of Bellegarda et al. (U.S. Patent 6,208,971). In view of the amendments to the claims, Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

As discussed above with respect to Claim 1, Ito neither teaches nor suggest a physically detachable language processing and memory device. The Examiner has cited no teaching or suggestion of a physically detachable language processing and memory device in Bellegarda et al. Accordingly, Claims 8-9, which depend from Claim 1, are allowable over any combination of Ito and Bellegarda et al., assuming arguendo such combination is properly motivated in the prior art.

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Conclusion

Claims 1-10 are now in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next action is other than for allowance of Claims 1-10 or if the Examiner has any questions or comments with respect to the above identified case, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at (510) 336-1100.

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